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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Wayne P. Blanchard  
Assumption Parish Assessor  
Napoleonville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities of the Assumption Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Assumption Parish Police Jury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Assessor's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Assumption Parish Assessor, as of December 31, 2006, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the other required supplementary information on pages 3 through 8, and page 25 respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 8, 2007 on our consideration of the Assumption Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Wagnersprach + Galleff, LLC

May 8, 2007

## **ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**

### **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2006**

This section of Assessor's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Assessor's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on December 31, 2006. Please read it in conjunction with the Assessor's financial statements, which follow this section.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Assessor's total net assets increased by \$76,733 to \$1,106,929 as of December 31, 2006.
- Net assets increased because the Assessor's revenues were \$76,733 more than expenses.
- Expenses for the year were \$484,781 including depreciation expense of \$16,164.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of three parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Assessor:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Assessor's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Assessor government, reporting the Assessor's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
  - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services like public safety were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Assessor's financial statements, including the portion of the Assessor's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure of contents of each of the statements.

# **ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Figure A-1  
Major Features of Assumption Parish Assessor's Government and Fund Financial Statements**

	<b>Fund Statements</b>	
	<b>Government-wide Statements</b>	<b>Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Scope</b>	Entire Assessor government	The activities of the Assessor
<b>Required financial statements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of net assets</li> <li>• Statement of activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance Sheet</li> <li>• Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances</li> </ul>
<b>Accounting basis and measurements focus</b>	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus
<b>Type of asset/liability information</b>	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included
<b>Type of inflow/outflow information</b>	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received or have otherwise been incurred.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Government-wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the Assessor as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Assessor's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets—the difference between the Assessor's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the Assessor's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Assessor's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Assessor you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the Assessor's property tax base.

The government-wide financial statements of the Assessor include:

- Governmental activities—most of the Assessor's basic services are included here. Property taxes, state revenue sharing and interest finance most of these activities.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Assessor's most significant funds—not the Assessor as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Assessor uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.

The Assessor has one type of fund:

- Governmental funds—Most of the Assessor's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Assessor's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.



**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ASSESSOR AS A WHOLE**

**Net assets.** The Assessor's net assets increased between fiscal years 2006 and 2005 to approximately \$1,107,000. (See Table A-1.)

<b>Table A-1</b>			
<b>Assumption Parish Assessor's Net Assets</b>			
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		
	<b>2006</b>		<b>2005</b>
Current and other assets	\$1,088,188		\$1,000,901
Capital assets	33,121		43,578
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,121,309</b>		<b>1,044,479</b>
liabilities	14,380		14,283
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>14,380</b>		<b>\$14,283</b>
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets,			
net of related debt	33,121		43,578
Unrestricted	1,073,808		986,618
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>1,106,929</b>		<b>\$1,030,196</b>

Net assets of the Assessor's governmental activities increased 7.5 percent to approximately \$1,107,000.

**Changes in net assets.** The Assessor's total revenues increased by 14 percent to \$561,514. (See Table A-2). Approximately 87 percent of the Assessor's revenue comes from property assessments of Assumption Parish and approximately 7 percent comes from State Revenue Sharing.

The total cost of all expenses increased approximately \$30,255 or 6.7 percent. The Assessor's expenses cover all services performed by its office.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Governmental Activities**

Revenues for the Assessor's governmental activities increased 14 percent, while total expenses increased 6.7 percent.

<b>Table A-2</b>		
<b>Changes in Assumption Parish Assessor's Net Assets</b>		
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
General revenues		
Assessment District	488,674	423,456
Revenue Sharing	39,300	39,408
Interest	29,747	16,636
Other	3,793	13,104
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>561,514</b>	<b>492,604</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Personnel	404,203	389,870
Other Operating	80,578	64,656
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>484,781</b>	<b>454,526</b>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 76,733</b>	<b>\$ 38,078</b>

- The cost of all governmental activities this year increased by approximately 6.7 percent to \$484,781.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FUNDS**

As the Assessor completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$ 1,073,808, an increase from last year of approximately \$87,190.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**  
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**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of 2006, the Assessor had invested \$33,121 in capital assets. (See Table A-3.)

**Table A-3**  
**Assumption Parish Assessor's Capital Assets**  
 (net of depreciation)

		<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
		<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Furniture and Equipment		\$ 84,127	\$ 78,420
Vehicles		31,091	31,091
Accumulated Depreciation		(82,097)	(65,933)
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>		<b>\$ 33,121</b>	<b>\$ 43,578</b>

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The Assessor is dependent on property tax collections in Assumption Parish for approximately 87 percent of its revenues. The economy is not expected to generate any significant growth. Therefore, the Assessor's future revenues are expected to be consistent with the current years. It is not anticipated property tax will increase significantly.

**CONTACTING THE ASSESSOR'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Assessor's finances and to demonstrate the Assessor's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mr. Wayne Blanchard, Assessor, P. O. Box 576, Napoleonville, LA 70390.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 71,644
Investments	502,542
Receivables	514,002
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>33,121</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>1,121,309</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued expenditures	<u>14,380</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>14,380</u>

**NET ASSETS**

Invested in capital assets	33,121
Unrestricted	<u>1,073,808</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 1,106,929</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u> Charges for Services	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets Governmental Unit</u>
<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>			
Governmental activities:			
General government-taxation	\$ 484,781		\$ (484,781)
Total governmental activities	<u>484,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(484,781)</u>
General Revenues:			
Advalorem taxes			488,674
Interest			29,747
State revenue sharing			39,300
Miscellaneous			<u>3,793</u>
Total general revenues			<u>561,514</u>
Change in net assets			76,733
Net assets - January 1, 2006			<u>1,030,196</u>
Net assets - December 31, 2006			<u>\$ 1,106,929</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**ASSETS**

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash	\$ 71,644
Investments	502,542
Advalorem tax receivable	487,662
State revenue sharing receivable	<u>26,340</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,088,188</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenditures	<u>\$ 14,380</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,380</u>
Fund balance	
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>1,073,808</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,073,808</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u><u>\$ 1,088,188</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Total fund balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 1,073,808
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2006	\$ 115,217	
Less: accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2006	<u>(82,096)</u>	<u>33,121</u>
Total net assets at December 31, 2006 - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 1,106,929</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Intergovernmental:	
Taxes	488,674
Interest	29,747
State revenue sharing	39,300
Miscellaneous	<u>3,793</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>561,514</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current	
General government-taxation:	
Personnel services	404,203
Supplies and materials	9,492
Other services and charges	44,670
Repairs and maintenance	10,253
Capital expenditures	<u>5,706</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>474,324</u>
 Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	 87,190
 Fund balance, beginning of year	 <u>986,618</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,073,808</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
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Excess of Revenue and Other Sources		
Over Expenditures and Other Uses		\$ 87,190
Capital Assets:		
Capital outlay capitalized	\$ 5,706	
Depreciation expense for year ended December 31, 2006	<u>(16,163)</u>	
		<u>(10,457)</u>
Change in Net Assets - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 76,733</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2006**

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a four-year term. The Assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, subject to ad valorem taxation. The Assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the office and provide assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. The deputies are authorized to perform all functions of the office, but the Assessor is officially and peculiarly responsible for the actions of the deputies.

The Assessor's office is located in the Assumption Parish Courthouse in Napoleonville, Louisiana. The Assessor employed five deputies at December 31, 2006. In accordance with Louisiana law, the Assessor bases real and movable property assessments on conditions existing on January 1 of the tax year. The Assessor completes an assessment listing by May 1 of the tax year and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the Assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector, who is responsible for the collection and distribution of taxes to the various taxing bodies.

At December 31, 2006, there were 13,350 real property, movable property assessments totaling \$52,592,130 and \$81,698,640, respectively. Since December 31, 2005, there was an increase of 145 assessment listings and total assessments also increased by 16,035,890.

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

This financial report has been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999. The following is a summary of the Assumption Parish Assessor's significant policies:

**Reporting Entity**

The Assessor is an independently elected official; however, the Assessor is a component unit of the Assumption Parish Police Jury. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Assessor and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity of the Assumption Parish Police Jury. Furthermore, the Assessor has reviewed all of its activities and determines that there are no potential component units which should be included in its financial statements.

**Fund Accounting**

The Assessor uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds of the Assessor are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the Assessor's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies and the acquisition of general fixed assets. Governmental funds of the Assessor include:

1. General Fund – the General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1906, is the principal fund of the Assessor and accounts for the operation of the Assessor's office. Compensation received from ad valorem tax revenue authorized by Act R.S. 47:1907-1908 is accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

**Basis of Accounting / Measurement Focus**

The GWFS were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange transactions*.

**Program Revenues**

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities derive directly from users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Assessor's general revenues.

**Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All Governmental Funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Governmental Funds are accounted for on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become measurable and available to pay current period liabilities. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Revenues**

Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are recognized as revenue in the year they are assessed, and, generally are collected in January and February of the ensuing year.

State Revenue Sharing are funds provided through an Act of the Louisiana State legislature. The State revenue sharing is recognized as revenue in the year the act is approved and passed by the legislature.

Interest earnings on time deposits are recorded when the time deposits have matured and the interest is available.

**Expenditures**

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

**Budgets**

The Assumption Parish Assessor adopts an annual budget for the General Fund on a modified accrual basis of accounting for both revenue and expenditures. The original proposed budget for 2006 was made available for public inspection at the Assessor's office on December 1, 2005 and adopted December 15, 2005. Formal budget integration is employed as a management control device during the year. The Assessor reserves all authority to make changes to the budget. When actual revenues fail to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more and/or actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more, a budget amendment to reflect such change is adopted by the Assessor. The original budget was amended on November 30, 2006.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes amounts in interest bearing demand deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and other investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Assessor may deposit funds in demanded deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, and time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law any national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

**Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable**

All of the ad valorem tax receivable on the balance sheet was recognized as revenue for the year. Management has determined that estimates for uncollectible amounts were unnecessary. Historically, any uncollectible ad valorem tax amounts have been immaterial.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Capital Assets**

All capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical costs for assets where actual cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not reported in the FFS. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives vary from 5 to 7 years.

**Compensated Absences**

All employees of the Assessor's office earn two weeks of vacation leave each year. All employees are allowed sick leave at the discretion of the Assessor. Upon termination or retirement, employees are paid for unused vacation leave. Effective January 1, 2001, employees may carry over one week of unused vacation to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. At December 31, 2006, the financial statements do not include an amount for unused vacation leave.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in the fund general ledgers, is not utilized by the Assessor.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2006**

**NOTE B - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, are as follows:

	Furniture and Equipment	Vehicles	Total
Cost of Capital Assets			
December 31, 2005	\$ 78,421	\$ 31,091	\$ 109,512
Additions	5,706	0	\$ 5,706
Deletions	( 0)	( 0)	( 0)
Cost of Capital Assets, December 31, 2006	84,127	31,091	115,218
Accumulated depreciation,			
December 31, 2005	\$ 59,715	\$ 6,218	\$ 65,933
Additions	9,946	6,218	16,164
Deductions	( 0)	( 0)	( 0)
Accumulated depreciation, December 31, 2006	69,661	12,436	82,097
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at December 31, 2006	<u>\$ 14,466</u>	<u>\$ 18,655</u>	<u>\$ 33,121</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2006, depreciation expense was \$16,164.

**NOTE C - PROPERTY TAXES**

All property within the parish is assessed and placed on the tax roll for the current year based on the condition of the property as of January 1. Assessed values are established by the Assumption Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed for the list of January 1, 2004. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in May. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. The Assessor was authorized to levy up to 4.83 mills in ad valorem taxes. A 4.83 mill ad valorem tax was levied for the year ended December 31, 2006.

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**NOTE C - PROPERTY TAXES (continued)**

The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>2006 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Dow Hydrocarbons	Chemical Plant	11,017,830	8.2%
J Ray McDermott	Oil field fabrication	7,140,680	5.3%
Dow Chemical	Chemical Plant	5,773,840	4.3%
Gulf South Pipeline	Pipeline	4,531,930	3.4%
Bridgeline Marketing	Pipeline	2,981,150	2.2%
Entergy	Utility company	2,589,760	2.9%
Marathon Petroleum	Chemical Plant	2,383,340	2.8%
Bell South	Utility company	1,792,480	1.3%
Bridgeline Distribution	Pipeline	1,662,950	1.2%
Meridian Resources	Oilfield	<u>1,407,680</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>41,281,640</b></u>	<u><b>30.7%</b></u>

The total assessed valuation for all taxpayers at December 31, 2006 was \$134,290,770. This figure was used in calculating the percentage of the "2006 assessed valuation of each of the ten largest taxpayers to the total assessed valuation for all taxpayers."

**NOTE D - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2006 consisted of the following:

State of Louisiana – State Revenue Sharing	\$ 26,340
Assumption Parish Tax Collector – December, 2006 collections remitted to the Assessor in 2007: Ad valorem taxes	<u>487,662</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$ 514,002</b></u>

**NOTE E - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES**

Accounts payable and accrued expenditures at December 31, 2006 consisted of the following:

Vendors	\$ 709
Retirement Payable	4,358
Salaries Payable	5,109
Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>4,204</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$14,380</b></u>

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**NOTE F - CASH & INVESTMENTS**

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana or any other federally insured investment.

State law required deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

Cash and deposits are categorized into three categories of credit risk.

Category 1 includes deposits covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Assessor or its agent in the Assessor's name.

Category 2 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or its agent in the Assessor's name.

Category 3 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution or its trust department or agent but not in the Assessor's name and deposits which are uninsured or uncollateralized.

The year end balances of deposits are as follows:

	Bank Balances			Book Balance
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	
Cash	\$ 72,236	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,644
Investments:				
Certificates of Deposits	<u>150,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,777</u>	<u>394,352</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 223,197</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 243,777</u>	<u>\$ 465,996</u>

At December 31, 2006, deposits in excess of FDIC insurance were collateralized by securities held by unaffiliated banks for the account for the Assessor. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which promulgates the standards for the accounting and financial reporting for state and local governments, considers these securities uncollateralized. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.



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**NOTE G – INVESTMENTS**

At December 31, 2006, the Assessor holds investments which are stated at cost or amortized cost totaling \$502,542 as

Certificates of Deposit	\$ 394,352
Louisiana Asset Management Pool	<u>108,190</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 502,542</u>

Under state law, the Assessor may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates. These are classified as investments. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. Investments are stated at cost.

At December 31, 2006, investments of \$108,190 are in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP). In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.165, the investment in LAMP is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.165 because investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasury in 1993. The corporation is governed by a board of directors comprising of the State Treasurer, representatives from various organizations of local government, the Government Finance Officers Association of Louisiana and the Society of Louisiana CPA's. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is approximately 60 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances.

**NOTE H - PENSION PLAN**

*Plan Description.* Substantially all employees of the Assumption Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System (system), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

All full-time employees who are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and are not drawing retirement benefits from any other public retirement system in Louisiana are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service or at or after age 50 with at least 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 1/3% of their final-average salary for each year of credited service, not to exceed 100% of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

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**NOTE H - PENSION PLAN (continued)**

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System, Post Office Box 14699, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-4699, or by calling (225)928-8886.

*Funding Policy.* Plan members were required by state statute to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary. The Assessor contributes 4% of the 8% required plan member contribution. The Assessor is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of 1% (1% for Orleans Parish) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish, plus revenue sharing funds appropriated by the legislature. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Assumption Parish Assessor are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Assumption Parish Assessor's contribution to the System for the year ending December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004 was \$47,137, \$38,071, and \$36,951, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

**NOTE I- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

All employees of the Assumption Parish Assessor participate in the State of Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Complete disclosures relating to the Plan are included in the separately issued audit report for the Plan, available from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Post Office Box 94397, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397.

*Funding Policy.* The Assessor will match up to \$138 per pay period for each employee not to exceed the employee contributed amount. The total employer contribution expense for 2006 was \$19,924.

**NOTE J - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The Assumption Parish Assessor provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Substantially all of the Assessor's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Assessor. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through an insurance company whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employee and the Assessor. The Assessor recognizes the cost of providing these benefits (Assessor's portion of the premiums) as expenditures when paid during the year, which was \$96,058 for 2006, 31,885 of this amount is for retirees. There are five people receiving post retirement benefits at December 31, 2006. The insurance benefits are recognized as expenditures when the monthly premiums are incurred.

**NOTE K - EXPENDITURES OF THE ASSESSOR NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Certain operating expenditures of the Assessor's office are paid by the parish police jury as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4713. The Assessor's office is located in the Assumption Parish Courthouse, and the upkeep and maintenance of the courthouse is paid by the Assumption Parish Police Jury. These expenditures are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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**NOTE L - LITIGATION**

The Assumption Parish Assessor has various lawsuits pending at December 31, 2006. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the Assessor has adequate legal defenses for the issues raised and the outcome of these matters will not have a significant effect on the Assessor's financial position at December 31, 2006.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental:				
Taxes	423,825	424,400	488,674	64,274
Interest	12,000	23,200	29,747	6,547
State revenue sharing	40,000	42,400	39,300	(3,100)
Miscellaneous	-	-	3,793	3,793
Total Revenues	<u>475,825</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>561,514</u>	<u>71,514</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
General government:				
Personnel services	240,000	241,700	404,203	(162,503)
Supplies and materials	8,000	5,600	9,492	(3,892)
Other services and charges	211,000	214,800	54,923	159,877
Capital expenditures	16,825	5,900	5,706	194
Total Expenditures	<u>475,825</u>	<u>468,000</u>	<u>474,324</u>	<u>(6,324)</u>
<b>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	-	22,000	87,190	65,190
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>	<u>979,319</u>	<u>986,618</u>	<u>986,618</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 979,319</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,618</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,808</u>	<u>\$ 65,190</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND OTHER SCHEDULES  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
**Napoleonville, Louisiana**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**December 31, 2006**

**A. Summary of Audit Results**

- The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor.
- No reportable conditions in internal control were disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements that were required to be reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards.
- The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance material to the basic financial statements which were required to be reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Governmental Auditing Standards.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH ASSESSOR**  
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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**  
**December 31, 2006**

**INTERNAL CONTROL FINDINGS**

No internal control findings were noted in the audit for the year ended December 31, 2005.

**COMPLIANCE FINDINGS**

No compliance findings were noted in the audit for the year ended December 31, 2005.

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## **REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable Wayne Blanchard  
Assumption Parish Assessor  
Napoleonville, Louisiana

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Assumption Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Assumption Parish Police Jury (the Assessor), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated May 8, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, issued by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants.

### **Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Assessor's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect of the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Assessor's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.



This report is intended for the information and use of the management of the Assessor's office and the Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Wagner + Galle, LLC  
May 8, 2007

